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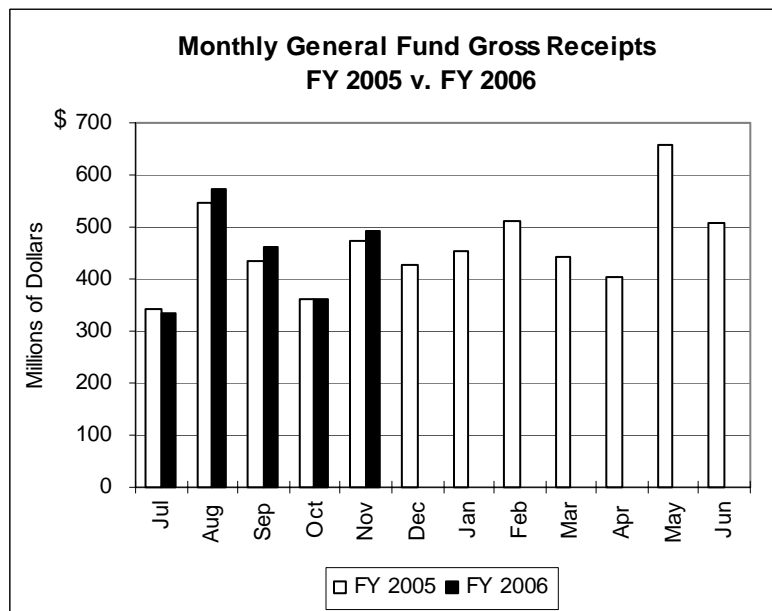
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Iowa Senate and
 Members of the Iowa House of Representatives
 FROM: Dennis C. Prouty
 DATE: December 1, 2005

Monthly General Fund Receipts through November 30, 2005

The attached spreadsheet presents year-to-date FY 2006 General Fund receipts, with comparable figures for actual FY 2005. The figures can be compared to the FY 2006 estimate of \$5.609 billion set by the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) on October 14, 2005. The FY 2006 estimate is an increase of \$40.1 million (0.7%) compared to actual FY 2005 gross cash receipts (excluding transfers and accrued revenue changes). The next Revenue Estimating Conference is scheduled for December 12.



FY 2006 Compared to FY 2005

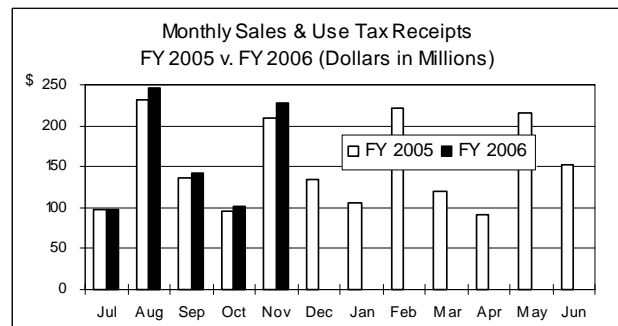
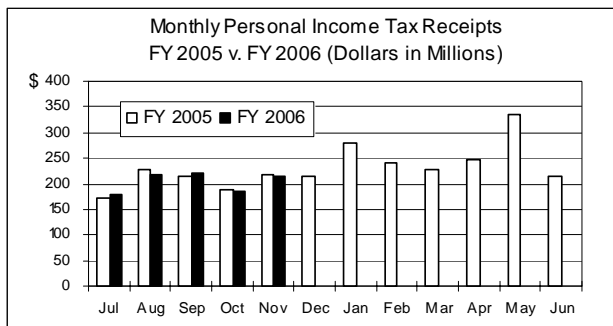
Fiscal year to date, total gross cash revenue (excluding transfers) increased \$67.1 million (3.1%) compared to FY 2005. Major revenue sources contributing to the change include:

- Personal income tax (negative \$2.0 million)
- Sales & use tax (positive \$42.7 million)
- Corporate tax payments (positive \$12.0 million)
- Other taxes (positive \$25.5 million)
- Other receipts (negative \$11.1 million)

Personal income tax revenues received in November totaled \$215.1 million, a decrease of \$4.4 million (- 2.0%) compared to November 2004.

The State lowered income tax withholding table rates effective April 1, 2005. The first day the change could impact receipts was April 26, 2005. Withholding tax deposits have shown negative growth since April 26th, decreasing \$33.9 million (- 2.5%) through November. Revised Department of Revenue projections call for a reduction of \$72.9 million between April 26 and November 30 as a result of the table changes. Adjusting for that amount of reduction, the base withholding receipt growth since April 26 is positive 2.7%. Prior to April 26, the annual rate of growth was 6.6%. The Fiscal Division continues to monitor the withholding deposit downturn.

The FY 2006 REC income tax estimate of \$2.784 billion represents a projected increase of 0.1% compared to actual FY 2005. Year-to-date, total income tax receipts have decreased 0.2%. By subcategory, withholding tax payments decreased 1.6% while income tax estimate payments increased 5.7%. Payments with returns are not a significant revenue source through November. The following chart compares FY 2006 monthly personal income tax receipts from all three personal income tax subcategories with FY 2005.



Sales/use tax receipts received in November totaled \$227.5 million, an increase of \$17.9 million (8.5%) compared to November 2004. October 2005 sales/use tax receipt growth was also strong (6.8%). Taken together, the two months increased 8.0%, with all of the growth shown since October 30.

The REC estimate for FY 2006 sales/use tax receipts is \$1.860 billion, an increase of 2.6% compared to actual FY 2005. Year-to-date, sales/use tax receipts increased 5.5%. The Department of Revenue has been asked to analyze the source of the recent growth. The preceding chart compares FY 2006 monthly sales tax receipts with FY 2005.

Corporate tax receipts received in November totaled \$13.2 million, a \$2.0 million increase (17.9%) compared to November 2004. The REC estimate for FY 2006 corporate tax revenue is \$311.4 million, which represents an increase of 10.9% compared to actual FY 2005. Year-to-date, corporate tax revenue has increased 13.5%.

Other tax receipts received in November totaled \$17.1 million, a \$3.5 million (25.7%) increase compared to November 2004. For the month, cigarette and miscellaneous tax receipts were responsible for the increase.

The REC estimate for FY 2006 receipts from other taxes is \$347.9 million, which represents a decrease of 2.1% compared to actual FY 2005. Year-to-date, other tax receipts have increased 22.3%. The large increase is the result of insurance premium tax changes currently being phased-in over several years. The tax rate is being lowered from 2.0% to 1.0%, while the timing of the

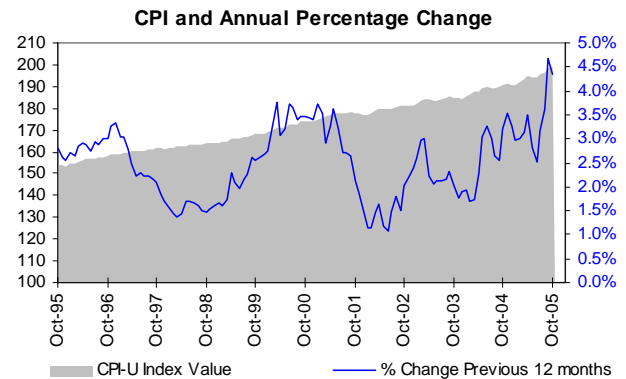
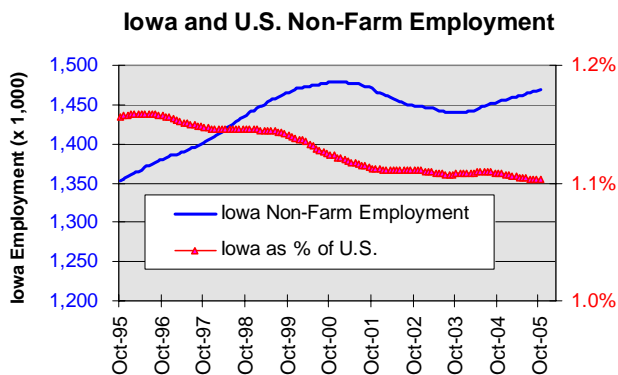
payments is modified. This results in larger payments due in August and a reduction in payments due in March and June. Without the accelerated insurance premium taxes, other tax receipts would show a small year-to-date decrease.

Other receipts (non-tax receipts) received in November totaled \$18.5 million, a \$1.1 million decrease (- 5.6%) compared to November 2004. Judicial and fee revenue decreased for the month. The REC estimate for FY 2006 other receipt revenue is \$305.8 million, which represents a decrease of 9.5% compared to actual FY 2005. Year-to-date, other receipts have decreased 6.9%. The year-to-date and projected decreases relate to transfers from the Unclaimed Property Fund.

Status of the Economy

Iowa non-farm employment was reported at 1,499,400 for the month of October (not seasonally adjusted), 20,700 higher than October 2004.

The 12-month Iowa moving average employment is presented in a graph below. Iowa non-farm employment (12-month average) peaked at an all time high in January 2001 (1,478,700), and the recent low was October 2003 (1,439,900). The current 12-month average reading is 1,469,800, so Iowa non-farm employment is roughly 8,900 below the peak and 29,900 above the recent low point. The chart below also presents Iowa non-farm employment as a percent of U.S. non-farm employment. The current 1.10% rating is the lowest since 1989.



Consumer prices increased 0.2% during the month of October (not seasonally adjusted). The Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) through October 2005 was 199.2 (1983/84=100), 4.3% higher than one year ago. The annual rate of inflation jumped significantly in September, driven by higher motor fuel and other energy prices. The annual rate of inflation has not been above 4.0% since June 1991.

Information related to State General Fund receipts is available on the Fiscal Services Division's web site at: <http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/receipts/daily.html>.

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS - FY 2005 vs. FY 2006 July 1 through November 30 (in millions of dollars) Dollars may not add due to rounding. Percentages Calculated on Rounded Numbers					ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS (in millions of dollars) FY 05 Actual Compared to FY 06 REC Estimate		
	FY 2005	FY 2006	Year to Date % Change	November % Change	Actual FY 2005	Estimate FY 2006	Projected % Change
Personal Income Tax	\$ 1,020.4	\$ 1,018.4	-0.2%	-2.0%	\$ 2,782.3	\$ 2,783.8	0.1%
Sales/Use Tax	771.0	813.7	5.5%	8.5%	1,812.3	1,860.1	2.6%
Corporate Income Tax	88.7	100.7	13.5%	17.9%	280.9	311.4	10.9%
Inheritance Tax	35.1	31.1	-11.4%	-1.6%	78.4	70.9	-9.6%
Insurance Premium Tax	21.7	49.0	125.8%	100.0%	130.9	128.3	-2.0%
Cigarette Tax	36.4	38.0	4.4%	15.2%	87.4	89.1	1.9%
Tobacco Tax	2.9	3.8	31.0%	700.0%	8.7	8.9	2.3%
Beer Tax	6.3	6.4	1.6%	10.0%	14.0	14.3	2.1%
Franchise Tax	11.3	10.8	-4.4%	-71.4%	35.4	35.4	0.0%
Miscellaneous Tax	0.8	0.9	12.5%	169.2%	0.6	1.0	66.7%
Total Special Taxes	\$ 1,994.7	\$ 2,072.8	3.9%	4.2%	\$ 5,230.9	\$ 5,303.2	1.4%
Institutional Payments	5.2	5.6	7.7%	62.5%	12.7	12.7	-0.1%
Liquor Profits	19.3	20.5	6.2%	-2.3%	59.0	62.0	5.1%
Interest	3.5	6.6	88.6%	50.0%	9.7	10.4	7.4%
Fees	22.5	24.9	10.7%	-18.4%	72.3	71.7	-0.9%
Judicial Revenue	20.3	18.0	-11.3%	-30.0%	59.2	60.9	2.9%
Miscellaneous Receipts	30.5	14.6	-52.1%	20.0%	65.1	28.1	-56.8%
Racing and Gaming Receipts	60.0	60.0	0.0%	0.0%	60.0	60.0	0.0%
TOTAL GROSS RECEIPTS	\$ 2,155.9	\$ 2,223.0	3.1%	3.8%	\$ 5,568.8	\$ 5,609.0	0.7%